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predetermined functions assigned to the execution keys near the plurality of execution keys.

--3. (Amended) The portable telephone according to Claim 1, wherein the function assigning means assigns the predetermined function desired to the execution key regardless of a hierarchy of a menu containing the function.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments to the specification are made to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

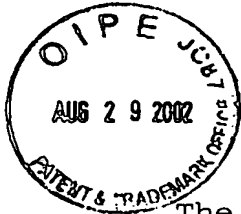
An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as follows:

--A portable telephone [is realized, which can execute] that executes a desired function with simple operations. The portable telephone [1 which can execute] that executes various functions selected from [the] hierarchically structured menus[,] is provided with dedicated execution keys 9 for instructing execution of functions, a function assigning [means 11] device for assigning a desired function to an execution key 9, and a function executing [means 11] device for executing a function assigned to an execution key 9 in response to [the] a pressing of the execution key 9.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 have been amended as follows:

--1. (Amended) A portable telephone for executing [various] predetermined functions selected from hierarchically structured menus, the telephone comprising:

a plurality of dedicated execution keys for instructing [the] execution of [said] the predetermined functions;

function assigning means for assigning [said function] one of the predetermined functions desired to [said] one of the plurality of execution [key] keys; and

function executing means for executing [said] the predetermined function assigned to [said] the execution key in response to [the] a pressing of the execution key.

--2. (Amended) The portable telephone according to Claim 1, comprising display means for displaying [various] predetermined information, [and] wherein[:

said] the plurality of execution keys [are] is provided near [said] the display means; and

[said] the display means displays symbols representing [said] the predetermined functions assigned to [said] the execution keys[,] near the plurality of execution keys.

--3. (Amended) The portable telephone according to Claim 1, wherein [said] the function assigning means assigns [said] the predetermined function desired to [said] the execution key[,] regardless of [the] a hierarchy of [said] a menu [which] containing the function [is belonged to].--